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In re Application of   :
Yang et al.   :
Application No. 10/082,188 :   DECISION
Filed: February 26, 2002   :   ON PETITION
For: METHOD OF NARROW SEARCH :
FOR BOOKS THE INTERNET   :

This is a decision on the Petition for Withdrawal of
Abandonment, filed via Facsimile on January 10, 2006. The
petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.181.

The petition is **granted.**

Background

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to
timely and properly reply to the final Office action, mailed
January 19, 2005. The Office action set a three (3) month
period for reply. No complete and proper reply having been
filed, this application became abandoned on April 20, 2005. A
Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 25, 2005.

The instant petition

Applicant files this petition and asserts that a complete and
proper reply was timely filed in this Office via facsimile on
July 18, 2005. In support of this assertion, Applicant files
copies of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")and a
Petition for Extension of Time, both of which included a
Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8. Applicant also
provides a copy of an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission
indicating receipt by this Office of 14 pages of transmission on
July 18, 2005.

In view of the above, Applicant has demonstrated timely filing of the RCE by a preponderance of the evidence. As such, the holding of abandonment is improper and is hereby withdrawn.

No petition fee has been charged and none is due.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2167 for consideration of the RCE filed July 18, 2005, and for continued examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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